

The Range Rider



CONSIDER WHAT YOU CAN DO

For the first time since 1812, attacking forces have landed upon American soil!

This is a dreadful situation—one which every American must meet squarely and with all the strength that he can muster.

A group of us in the Director's office were discussing this war situation the other day and attempting to satisfy ourselves as to just how we, as Government employees, can best serve our country.

And then, someone said, "Why, we have a contract to serve Uncle Sam that we made when we took our oath of office."

It has been quite a while since I took that oath. Very few in the group remembered what it said. One young lady said she remembered it was "Form 8." A veteran of the last war said, by that oath "we promised to protect our country."

Well, we went scurrying for a copy of "Form 8—Oath of Office." This is how it read:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. SO HELP ME GOD.

"That's the very same oath an officer in the United States Army takes," said the World War veteran. "We have the same responsibility to the country as the soldier or the sailor or the marine who protects our lives and our homes with machine guns and bullets! The only difference is that we serve in a different way. If we fail to do our part we cripple the armed services and when that happens the whole thing falls apart."

The words in that oath of office may not be included in your or my "job description" but they are part of our obligation and as

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a part of Uncle Sam's civilian army we are--each and every one of us--pledged to defend our country against "all enemies."

Have you ever stopped to think that your status as a Government employee is a bit different than your neighbor who is a banker, or a merchant, or a carpenter? You are a public servant in a great civilian army. During war and peace you represent the Nation in everything that you do.

You ARE the Government.

Be FIRST to accept the grim reality that this Nation is now in this war--all the way--a situation described by our President as "the most tremendous undertaking of our American history."

Be FIRST to offer your services to your local defense board.

Be FIRST to buy defense bonds and stamps.

Be FIRST to stand by, ready for ANY emergency.

Consider what YOU can do.

DO IT!

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CONFERENCE POSTPONED

The regional graziers' conference, scheduled for December 3 to 18, adjourned at noon the first day following discussion relating to the seriousness of the national emergency as brought home to Americans everywhere by the sudden attack, December 7, on United States possessions in the Pacific.

In bringing the conference to an abrupt close, Director Rutledge said he believed it advisable for all regional graziers to be at their posts of duty to take care of defense activities.

Most of the men attending the meeting were en route to the Director's office when first word of the attack in the Pacific was received.

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WHAT TO DO -

Events of recent weeks have brought forcibly home to us the fact that actual attack by aggressors on vital American defense

projects in our towns—in fact on our own homes and property—is a grim possibility.

That we may fully realize this fact and know exactly how to conduct ourselves under such conditions, Director Rutledge called together all employees of his office and explained what we can do to help the most and hinder the least should such an unhappy situation come to pass.

--As soon as the alarm signal indicating the actual approach of planes is received, turn off all lights in your home and do not turn them on again until the windows have been carefully masked or the all-clear signal has been given.

--If you are in an automobile, bring the car to an immediate halt and extinguish the lights. You need not remain in the car if it is parked in a reasonably safe place.

--Operators of restaurants, theaters, and other public places open at the time of the alarm should take precautions to protect their receipts, extinguish all lights, and urge their customers to remain seated and keep calm until the all-clear signal is sounded.

--Observe the instructions issued by the Office of Civilian Defense for the guidance of the people in case of air raids:

Stay home. The safest place in an air raid is home.

If you are away from home, get under cover in the nearest shelter. Avoid crowded places. Stay off the streets.

The enemy wants you to run out into the streets, create a mob, start a panic. DON'T DO IT!

Should gas be used, go at once to the most "inside" room in your house (fewest doors and windows). Paste paper over glass. Stuff rags in window cracks and under doors.

But above all, KEEP COOL, STAY HOME.

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That first bomb that burst upon the beautiful isle in the Pacific accomplished one thing the attackers must have failed to realize. It gave new meaning and value to America and to our democratic way of life. It put unworthy, trivial events out of mind. It added new beauty and strength to people and things about us. It unleashed a grim determination to keep America safe from dishonorable aggressors!

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The Director's office has pledged 100 percent strong to purchase National Defense Bonds and Stamps. Total purchases among the 69 employees of the national headquarters office, on December 1, totaled over \$6,000. Monthly pledges amount to well over \$500 exclusive of certain specific pledges to be met at irregular intervals.

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MOBILIZATION DAY

". . . During this war, agricultural research and every other government activity become a matter of priorities. We must do the things most important to do now and at once. We must marshal our own and the Nation's manpower and resources to do the job at hand most effectively. . .

"We must go directly to the heart of a problem; we must concentrate on the meat-and-potato course--not the salad and dessert courses; we must win this war with the knowledge we have at hand--even if that information represents only 50 percent of the total picture.

"When a great fire rages in a city, all fire companies fight to put out fires. They no longer have time to do research on the general subject of putting out fires, they no longer have time to devise better equipment to be used, and they no longer have time to drill. It may be that their knowledge and techniques and coordination could be improved before tackling the great fires, but they do not have time. Agricultural researchers are in this same situation right now.

"We must bring our equipment and training to bear on hypothetical tactical questions, such as our Army's General Staff raises in making military plans. This is the kind of research that enabled Hitler to prepare for every possible situation.

"Research in this country legitimately can concentrate on probable situations that will arise during the war. This research will consist of economic and social analyses that will directly aid in winning the war and of planning that will minimize dislocations both during and after the war. But agricultural researchers may have to give answers--even on the basis of 50 percent or less evidence--to questions coming out of extreme situations. . ." By M. M. Kelso, in Land Policy Review, December 1941.

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